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SUBJECT: UNRWA AD COM MEETING

REF: (A) BEIRUT 6111, 6524; (B) STATE 62405

1. DEPT APPRECIATES THOROUGH ANALYSIS (REFTELS A) OF
UNRWA PROBLEMS AND OPTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT COMING
AD COM MEETING.

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2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM COM GEN RENNIE THAT WE BELIEVE
HE IS IN BEST POSITION MAKE PROFOUNDLY DIFFICULT DECISION
ON BEST WAY TO MAKE REDUCTIONS IN UNRWA'S SERVICES WHICH
WILL HAVE PAINFUL AND EXTENSIVE EFFECTS HOWEVER IMPLE-

MENTED. WE ENCOURAGE HIS CONTINUING EFFORT OBTAIN ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARE WEIGHING IN WITH SAUDI ARABIA IN SUPPORT OF UN SYG'S LETTER TO KING KHALED.

3. DEPT APPROVES LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION PARA 1 BEIRUT 6524. U.S. PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE LOW KEY. U.S. STATEMENT SHOULD REGRET NECESSITY FOR OPTIONS RENNIE PRESENTING TO AD COM, SUPPORT RENNIE'S FINAL APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO MEET DEFICIT AND MAKE REDUCTIONS UNNECESSARY, AND NOTE COMPELLING HUMANITARIAN REASONS FOR DOING SO.

USDEL SHOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY PARTICULAR OPTION AND STATE, IF NECESSARY, THAT U.S. BELIEVES REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE WORKED OUT DIRECTLY BETWEEN COM GEN AND HOST COUNTRIES. IF U.S. CRITICIZED ON LEVEL ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNRWA, USDEL SHOULD REPLY BRIEFLY THAT U.S. HAS CONTRIBUTED SOME 70 PERCENT OF AGENCY'S TOTAL INCOME FROM GOVERNMENTS SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT AND IS PROVIDING \$16 MILLION IN SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1975. IN EVENT EFFORT MADE TO OBTAIN STATUS FOR PLO IN MEETING, INSTRUCTIONS REF B STILL APPLY.

4. PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON \$6 MILLION SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION IS IN PROCESS. WE BELIEVE THERE IS EXCELLENT CHANCE HAVE MONEY AVAILABLE BEFORE END OF JUNE. INGERSOLL

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